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(54) **REBATE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD OFFERING SELECTABLE DISBURSEMENT OPTIONS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system is disclosed that provides computer-aided processing of a rebate on a product. The system includes a rebate processing center communicating over a network with a manufacturer, a distributor, and a consumer. The rebate processing center maintains a promotion table and a transaction table in order to facilitate processing of product rebates and to offer the consumer a choice of disbursement options.

33 claims, 9 Drawing Sheets

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62 → Promotion ID: 08517

UPC: 059280000200

Product Description: Widget Carrying Case

Manufacturer: Widget Manufacturers, Inc.

Retailers: Widget Warehouse
Widget Store

Geographic Target: Texas
California

Start Date: January 1, 2000 End Date: January 1, 2001

Disbursement Option: 2 Value: \$50.00

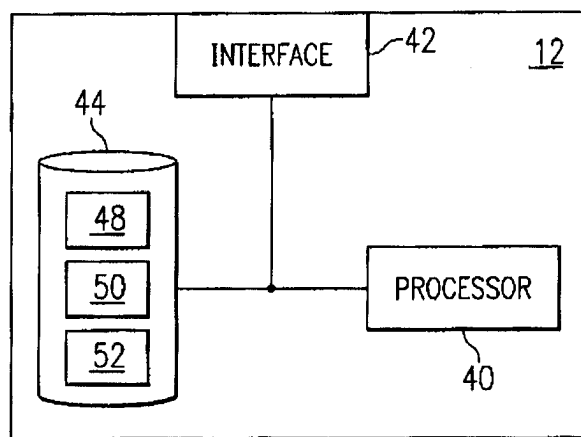
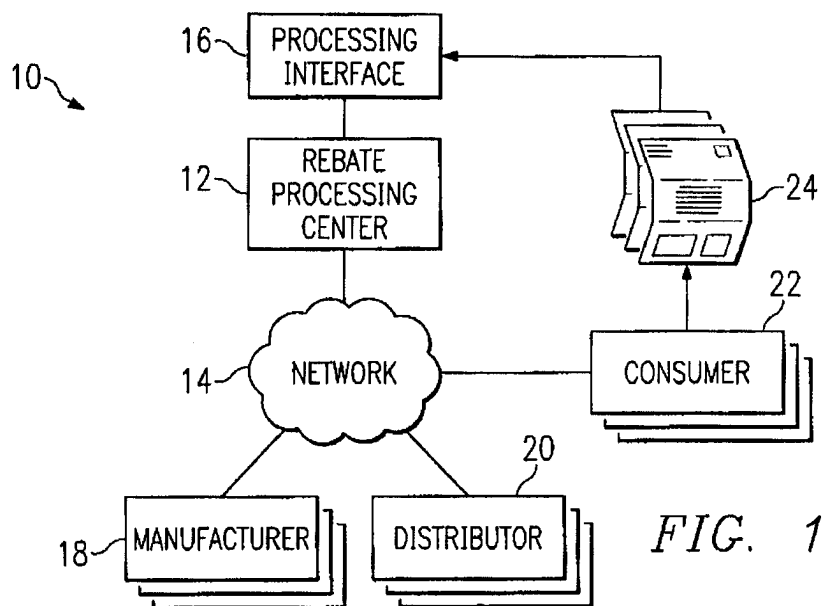
☐ Cash Rebate
☒ Gift Certificate
☐ Manufacturer Credit
☐ Custom

Comment:

First Previous Next Last

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Cancel Enter Promotion



Promotion ID	UPC	Manufacturer	Retailer	Geographic Target	Start Date	End Date	Units Sold	Rebates Claims	Breakage (%)	Disbursement Option 1	Disbursement Option 2	Disbursement Option N
5897	8458	Widget Mfg., Inc.	Widget Sales	National	12/12/1999	12/12/2000	100000	40000	60%	\$50 Manufacturer's Rebate	none	none
5898	8792	Widget Tec	Widget Sales	Dallas	1/1/2000	1/1/2001	5000	2500	50%	\$40 Manufacturer's Rebate	\$60 Distributor's Gift Certificate	none
7203	1354	Widget Tec	Widget Warehouse	TX, CA	4/1/2000	1/1/2002	0	0	0	\$30 Manufacturer's Rebate	\$40 Distributor's Gift Certificate	\$50 Manufacturer's Credit

FIG. 3

TRANSACTION ID	PROMOTION ID	NAME	ADDRESS	PERSONAL INFORMATION	PURCHASE INFORMATION	DISBURSEMENT OPTION	STATUS
47315	5898	JOHN SMITH	4650 CANDY LANE	50 YEAR OLD SMOKER	3/14/00 FROM WIDGET SALES	\$60.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE	PENDING VERIFICATION
47316	5898	BILL NABOR	4651 CANDY LANE	20 YEAR OLD COMPUTER HACKER	2/17/00 FROM WIDGET SALES	\$40.00 REBATE	AUTHORIZED
59327	7203	PHIL JACKSON	823 MILL LANE	50 YEAR OLD COACH	4/20/01	\$30.00 REBATE	AWAITING MAIL IN FORM

FIG. 4

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Widget Manufacturers, Inc.

Promotion ID: 08517

UPC: 059280000200

Product Description: Widget Carrying Case

Manufacturer: Widget Manufacturers, Inc.

Retailers: Widget Warehouse
Widget Store

Geographic Target: Texas
California

Start Date January 1, 2000 End Date January 1, 2001

Disbursement Option: 2

☐ Cash Rebate

☒ Gift Certificate

☐ Manufacturer Credit

☐ Custom

Value: \$50.00

Comment:

First Previous Next Last

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Cancel Enter Promotion

FIG. 5

Choose A Product

Search Results for: Widget 124

Product/Manufacturer
5 Port Widget/WMI
10 Port Widget/WMI
Widget Carrying Case/WMI
Widget Adapter/WidgeTech

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New Search Search

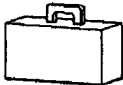
Access Product Index Go

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FIG. 6

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Fill Out Your Information

 Widget Carrying Case
*this item must be purchased
between 1-1-2000 and 1-1-2001

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First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State Zip

Phone

Email

Age optional

Occupation optional

How did you hear about this rebate? optional

Purchase Date Store

Purchase Price Location

How would you like to receive your rebate?

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☐ \$30.00 rebate

☐ \$50.00 gift certificate to Widget Warehouse

☐ \$60.00 credit on Widget products

☐ 3 year extended warranty

Click 'Next' to proceed.

FIG. 7

U.S. Pat. No. 7,146,328 B1

Joe Smith
4600 Candy Lane
Dallas, TX 75201
Transaction ID:100000257

place
stamp
here



Forward [Department No:745]
Forward Rebate
P.O. BOX 9018
COPPELL, TX-75019
USA



Rebate Value: \$100.00
Valid Dates: 11-1-1999 to 1-31-2000

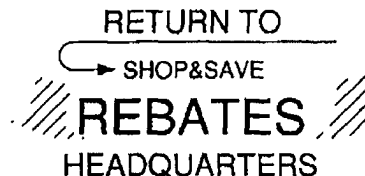
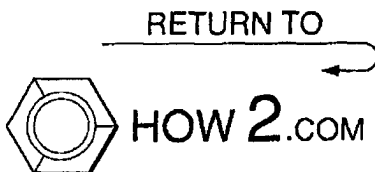
Card Scan Exec/Palm Organize

This item must be purchased between 11-1-1999 and 1-31-2000 in order to process a rebate.

Serial Number:

tape original register receipt here

tape UPC symbol here



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FIG. 8

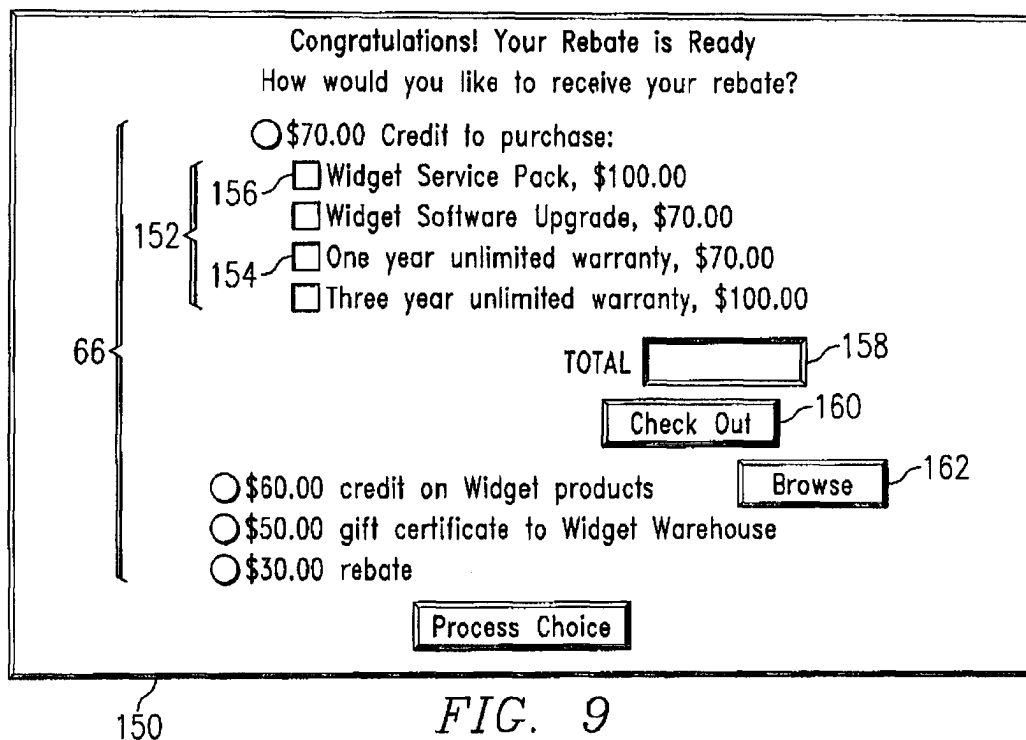


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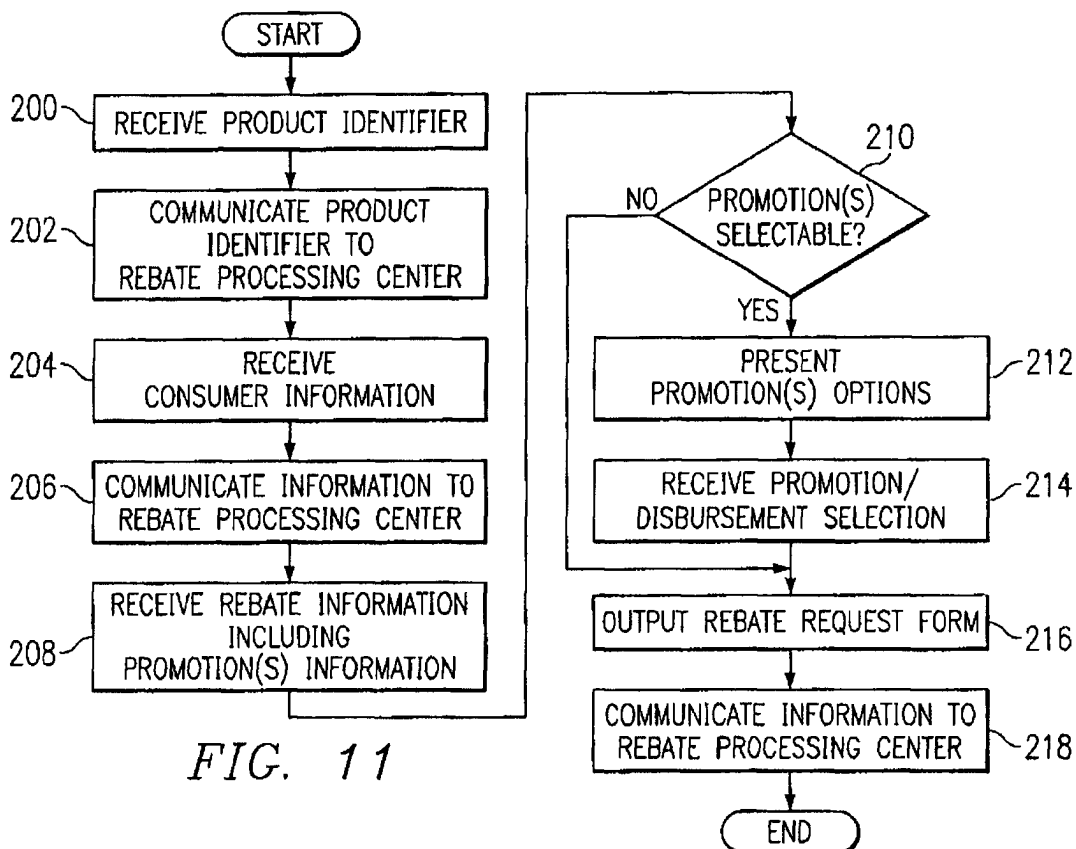


FIG. 11

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Widget Manufacturers, Inc.
Promotion Status
Widget Accessory Promotion
5-4-2000

Promotion ID: 08517
Manufacturer: Widget Manufacturers, Inc.
Start Date: 1-1-2000 End Date: 1-1-2001

Product ID	Product Description
2587	Leather Carrying Case
2588	Nagahide Carrying Case

Retailer	Units Sold	Rebates Claimed	Disbursement Option 1	Disbursement Option 2	Breakage (%)
WW	10,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	70%
WS	4,000	1,000	400	600	75%
total	14,000	4,000	2,400	1,600	71.5%

Target Area					
TX	6,000	2,400	1,000	1,400	60%
CA	8,000	1,600	1,400	200	80%
total	14,000	4,000	2,400	1,600	71.5%

Disbursement Option	Description	# Claimed
1	\$50.00 Gift Certificate	2,400
2	\$25.00 Cash Rebate	1,600

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FIG. 10

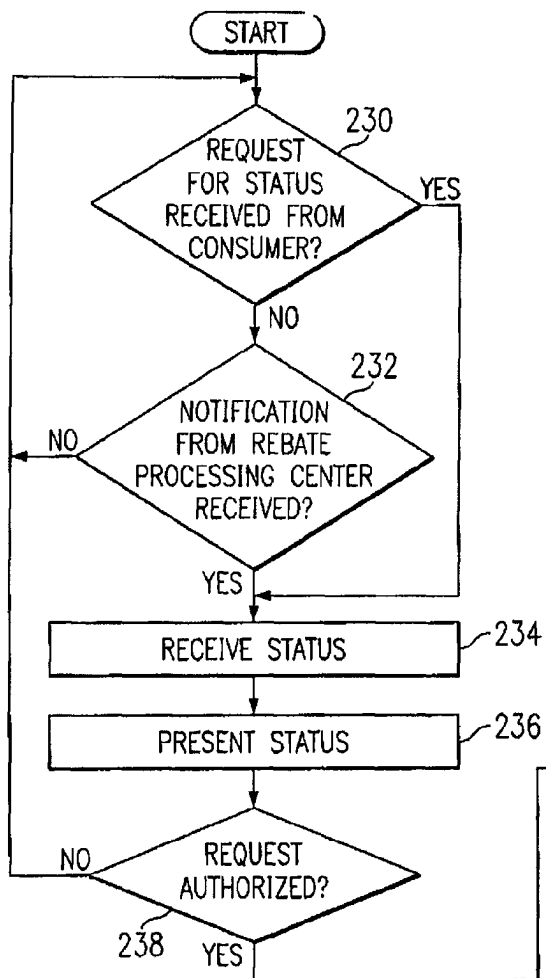


FIG. 12

